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U.S. Commitments at Our Ocean 2018

At the Our Ocean 2018 conference in Bali, Indonesia, the United States announced 15 commitments to strengthen sustainable management of marine resources; prevent plastic and other debris from entering the ocean; support research and observation of ocean ecosystems; and foster partnerships promoting maritime security and a sustainable blue economy. The commitments represent a whole-of-government approach, with contributions from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office (NMIO), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Smithsonian Institute, and the U.S. Department of State. For a description of these commitments, visit https://www.state.gov/e/oes/rls/other/2018/286990.htm.

For more details about this year's conference, visit <u>ourocean2018.org</u>. For press inquiries, please contact <u>OES-PA-DG@state.gov</u>.

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